

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| First Named Inventor   | Pintar, et al.  |
| Art Unit               | 2178            |
| Examiner Name          | Paula, Cesar B. |
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

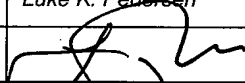
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.
- i. ☒ \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ \$450.00 Two-month extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other: \$50.00 fee for addition of one new dependent claim
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

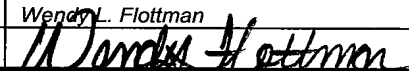
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